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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, MISCELLANEOUS -- INFORMATION CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FINAL EDITION, APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, REPORTED GORDON NOVEL, Los Ohio MISSING WITNESS IN ~~DA~~ District Attorney GARRISON'S PROBE OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, TODAY OFFERED TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS UNDER LONG LIST OF CONDITIONS, ONE INCLUDED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION ON A NINETEEN SIXTYONE BURGLARY CHARGE. ARTICLE REPORTED THE ORLEANS PARISH ~~DA~~ District Attorney QUICKLY REJECTED NOVEL'S LIST OF CONDITIONS AND REPRESENTATIVE STATED NOVEL WAS GOING TO BE RETURNED UNDER CONDITIONS OF DA'S OFFICE.

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ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRANK SHEA POSTPONED HEARING ON MOTION TO QUASH INDICTMENT FILED BY DEAN A. ANDREWS ATTORNEY UNTIL FRIDAY, APRIL FOURTEEN, NEXT.

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GORDON NOVEL CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE BY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE, AFTERNOON INSTANT DATE, STATING ~~DA~~* JIM GARRISON IS QUOTE LEANING UNQUOTE ON SOME OF HIS FRIENDS AND IS GETTING CLOSE TO THREATENING FRIENDS WITH PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. NOVEL DESIRED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE WAS ANY WAY HE COULD GET PROTECTION FOR THEM. HE IDENTIFIED THESE FRIENDS AS ROBERT SONGY ~~(PH)~~ Phonetic; LEWIS GOMEZ (PH), CHIEF BUDGET OFFICER; La RANNY ~~EHLINGER~~ (PH); AND RICHARD SCHMIDT (PH).

NOVEL ALLEGED GARRISON HAS TWENTY FOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE ON NOVEL'S RESIDENCE, THREE SIX SIX EXCHANGE PLACE AND HE HAS BEEN TOLD REPRESENTATIVES OF DA* ARE PROBING INTO HIS BANK RECORDS AT INTERNATIONAL CITY BANK.

NOVEL INFORMED AT TWELVE THIRTY PM, APRIL EIGHT NEXT, HIS ATTORNEY AND SOME FRIENDS ARE GOING TO HIS APARTMENT TO PICK UP VARIOUS RECORDS, ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND HIS AUTOMOBILE FOR DELIVERY TO A RELATIVE NAMED ROBERT SCOTT, ONE THREE ONE TWO ZERO CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY. 13120 New Orleans, La

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NOVEL STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE ANY OF HIS RECORDS SINCE THEY CONTAIN CHECK BOOKS SHOWING FLOW OF FUNDS FROM POLITICIANS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE WHO MADE PURCHASES

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* District Attorney

FROM HIM. ALSO STATED OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM HIS APARTMENT WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE IN FIGHT AGAINST GARRISON.

NOVEL STATED LEWIS GOMEZ IS HAVING TREMENDOUS PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON HIM BY GARRISON ATTEMPTING TO TIE GOMEZ INTO CORPORATION IN WHICH NOVEL INVOLVED, BUT NOVEL CONTENDS IF GOMEZ TIED INTO THIS CORPORATION, GARRISON'S CHIEF SUPPORTER, MR. ROBERTSON, WILL ALSO BE TIED IN.

NOVEL ALSO CONTENDS PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT BY GARRISON AGAINST L. W. FARINGTON (PH), OWNER AND OPERATOR OF A MECHANIC SHOP, THREE THREE THREE NORTH GALVEZ, NEW ORLEANS. La

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NOVEL STATED HE BELIEVES INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION WILL QUOTE BLOW JIM GARRISON OUT THE WINDOW AND SHOW HIM FOR THE JACKASS HE IS UNQUOTE. NOVEL STATED HE HAS NO INTENTION OF INVOLVING THE FBI IN ANY WAY, THAT HE IS DEFENDING THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT AND NO MENTION WILL BE MADE OF FBI. NOVEL STATED THAT ONCE THE PRESS GETS COMPLETELY DOWN ON GARRISON, HE WILL BE QUOTE OUT OF BUSINESS UNQUOTE. NOVEL INFORMED GARRISON IS GOING INTO NINETEEN SIXTYONE BURGLARY APPARENTLY AT SOME DEPTH, BUT HE (NOVEL) IS NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING IN THIS REGARD SINCE IT IS A SIMPLE BURGLARY ON WHICH THE ~~PRESCRIPTION~~ Statute HAS RUN.

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NOVEL ADVISED THAT RANNY EHLINGER APPEARED BEFORE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY AND HAD TAKEN THE FIFTH AMENDMENT IN REGARD TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SIXTYONE BURGLARY.

NOVEL SAID HE IS GOING TO QUOTE POT SHOT UNQUOTE GARRISON UNTIL HE PUTS HIM OUT OF BUSINESS AND SHOWS UP HIS POLITICAL EXTORTIONS AND SHOWS GARRISON FOR WHAT HE ACTUALLY IS. NOVEL STATED HE HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT GARRISON IS AFTER NOVEL'S EXWIFE AND THAT GARRISON PLANS TO CALL JIM RILEY (PH), FORMER COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION UNDER FORMER GOVERNOR JIMMIE DAVIS. STATES ONLY REASON FOR CALLING RILEY IS TO DISCREDIT FORMER GOVERNOR DAVIS SO GOVERNOR MC KEITHEN WOULD NOT HAVE TROUBLE BEING REELECTED. NOVEL CONCLUDED BY STATING QUOTE IT IS GOING TO BE A BATTLE TIL THE END UNQUOTE.

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